RATION SHOP LICENSES—CANCELLATION OF

442. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many ration shop licenses were cancelled in the period between 15th Medam 1122 and 30th Edavam 1122;

(*b*) how many persons were granted ration shop licenses during the period;

(*c*) the names with villages of the licensees in (*a*) and (*b*)?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) 27.

(*b*) 35 (including 15 Co-operative Societies).

(*c*) Please see appendix *(Appendix XI)*.

MILK PRODUCTS—PUCHASE OF

443. **Mr. M. O.Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total quantity of milk and milk products purchased or got free this year by the Government;

(*b*) has the stock been disposed of; if so, how and to whom;

(*c*) what is the stock that remains to be disposed of;

(*d*) was there any complaint that some of the stock was damaged;

(*e*) how did the stock get spoiled; who is responsible for the damages?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) 63 cases of milk products were supplied free from Emergency Food Collections, U. S. A.

(2) 48 cases of skimmed milk powder and 18 cases of malted milk being Cochin's share of a free gift from New Zealand.

(*b*) The entire stock under (1) above has been disposed of. They were delivered over to Hospitals and the Health Centres for distribution to expectant and nursing mothers, infants and malnourished children as desired by the Honorary Secretary to the Red Cross Society.

(*c*) The entire stock under (2) above.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The stock was not spoiled.

SUGAR—RATIONING OF

444. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the quota of sugar allotted to the State in the year 1945 to 1946 and 1946 to 1947;

(*b*) what is the ration of sugar given to an individual in these years;

(*c*) has not the Central Government given an assurance that the State quota for sugar will be raised according to actual requirements;

(*d*) what is the present stock of sugar with the Government;

(*e*) is it a fact that Government sold away by auction a certain quantity of sugar being spoiled?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Quota for the year 1945—46 was 3,830 tons.
The quota for the year 1946—47 was 3,900 tons.

(*b*) Till 16th November 1945 the scale of ration was 16 ozs. of sugar per head per mensem subject to a maximum of 18 lbs. of sugar per family. From that date the scale of ration had to be reduced to 12 ozs. per head per mensem subject to a maximum of 15 lbs. per family. This scale also had to be further reduced and fixed at 10 ozs. per head per mensem subject to a maximum of 12 lbs. per family with effect from 14th March 1947. Due to insufficiency of the quota the scale of ration remains at the above level up to this day.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This information cannot be given.

(*e*) A small quantity of sugar was auctioned since it was utterly unfit for human consumption. This will be about 3 cwts.

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